

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kerry Zang et al.
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Confirmation No.: 5263
Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Miller, Cheryl L.
Title: **CONICAL, THREADED SUBTALAR IMPLANT**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 7, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request continued examination of this Application to allow the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments thereto and/or the comments set forth below.